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SUBJECT: BELIZE AIRWAYS LTD. (BAT)3 APPLICATION FOR FOREIGN
AIR CARRIER PERMIT

REF: STATE 074340

1. MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND COMMUNICATIONS LOUIS SYLVESTRE HAS
ASKED CONGEN BY LETTER TO CONVEY TO DEPARTMENT AND CAB SERIOUS
CONCERN OF GOB OVER STATUS OF BAL'S APPLICATION FOR FOREIGN AIR
CARRIER PERMIT AND U. S. OPERATING RIGHTS NOW PENDING BEFORE CAB.
SYLVESTRE'S LETTER REQUESTS "ON BAHALF OF MY MINISTRY AND GOVERN-
MENT OF BETIZE" THAT ACTION BE TAKEN ON BAL APPLICATION AS EARLY
AS POSSIBLE.

2. GOB'S CONCERN STEMS FROM FAILURE OF US AND UK TO REACH AC-
CORD IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT AND IMPEND-
ING LAPSE OF CURRENT AGREEMENT ON JUNE 22. SYLVESTRE BELIEVES
THAT TARGET DATE FOR CAB "HEARING" (BOARD ACTION ON MARCH 29
CIVIL LAW JUDGE RECOMMENDATION) ON BAL APPLICATION IS JUNE 20,
AND HE IS NOT SANGUINE THAT DECISION CAN BE REACHED AND,
IF FAVORABLE, PERMIT GRANTED WITHIN THE TWO DAYS BEFORE
LIKELY EXPIRATION OF AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT. GOB'S READING OF
SITUATION (AND THAT OF BAL) IS THAT VALIDITY OF AIR SERMINES
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AGREEMENT IS FUNDAMENTAL TO BAL'S APPLICATION AND THAT IT IS
DOUBTFUL THAT PERMIT COULD BE GRANTED IF NO AGREEMENT IN
EXISTENCE.

3. HOWEVER, GOB UNDERSTANDS "FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE"
(SOURCE NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) THAT JUNE 20 IS SIMPLY OUTSIDE
LIMIT END DOES NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER ACTION. GOB

THEREFORE WISHES PRESS FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION.

4. WE AGREE PASS ABOVE TO DEPARTMENT AND CAB WITHOUT
COMMENT, BUT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER GOB'S
ESTIMATE OF STATUS OF APPLICATION IS CORRECT. WHAT IN
FACT WOULD HAPPEN TO APPLICATION IF CAB ACTION NOT COMPLETED
BEFORE EXPIRATION OF AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT.
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